

The Origins Space Telescope (OST)

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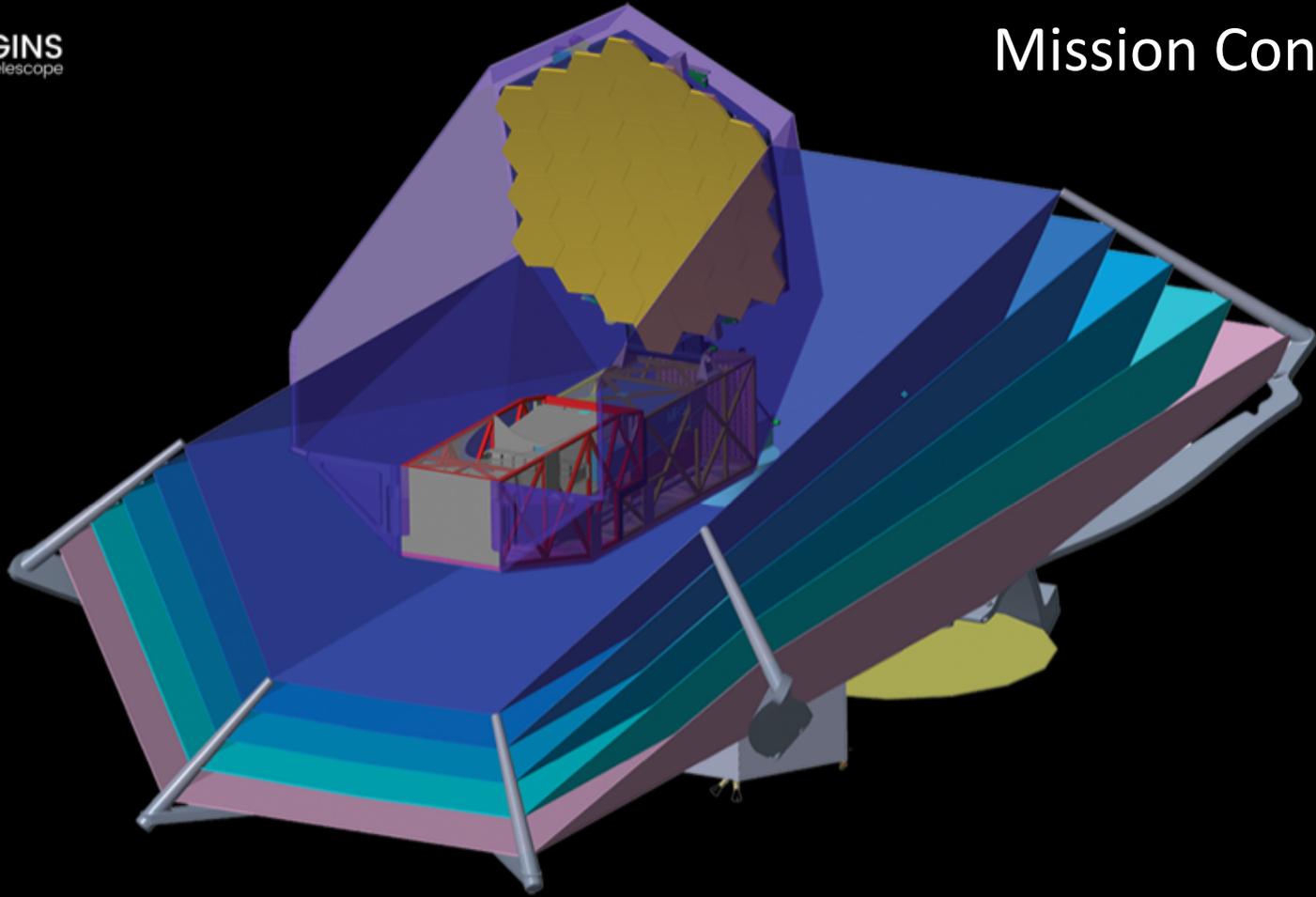
The OST NASA Decadal Study

- NASA Astrophysics Roadmap Enduring Quests, Daring Visions: formerly known as Far-Infrared Surveyor
- Origins Space Telescope: 5-660 μm
- Goal: large general astronomy mission with exciting science that is technologically executable in 2030s
- Both Science Definition & Technological Implementation important
- OST study has two concepts:
 - Mission Concept 1, completed, described here
 - Mission Concept 2, started – optimization

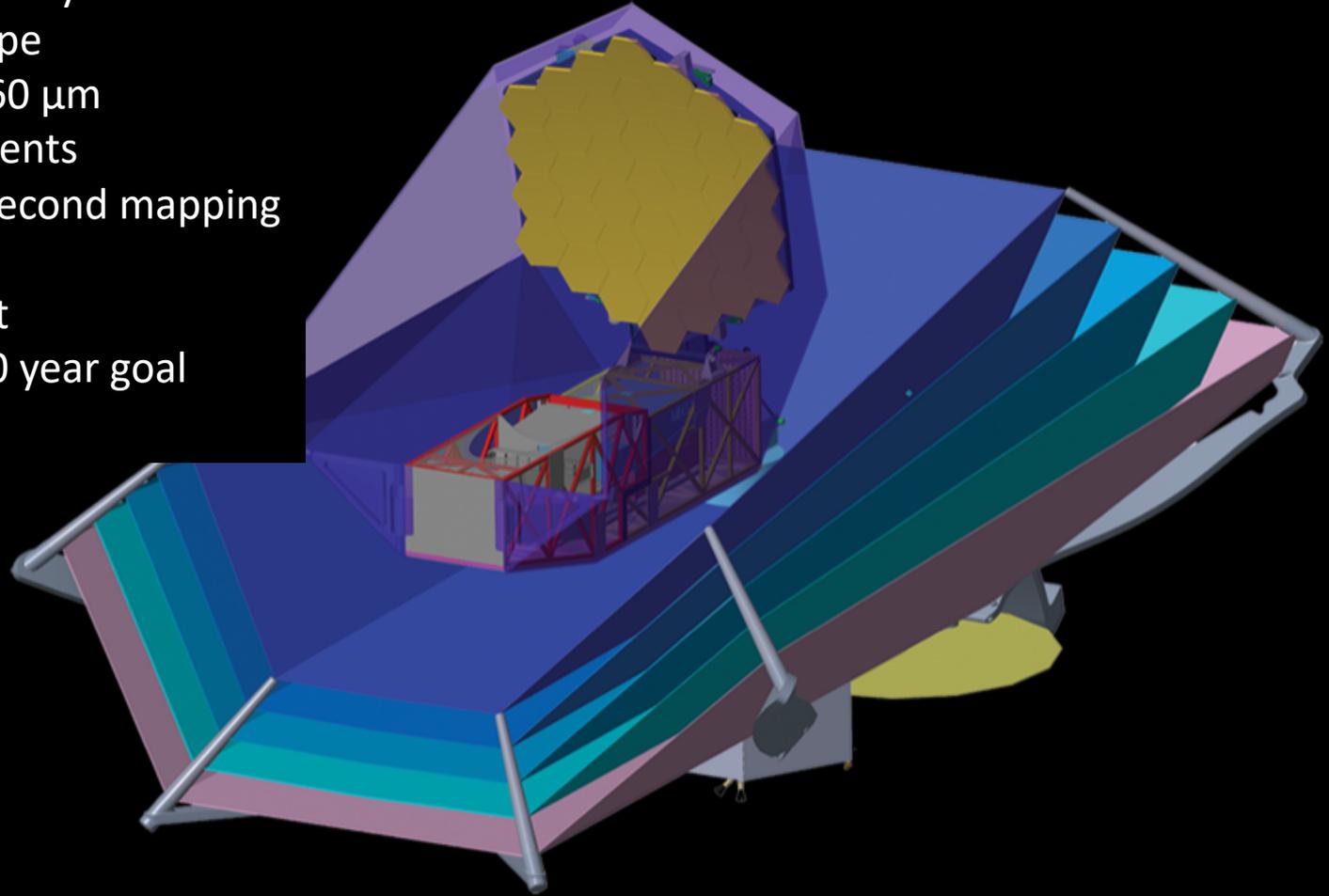
The OST Study Team



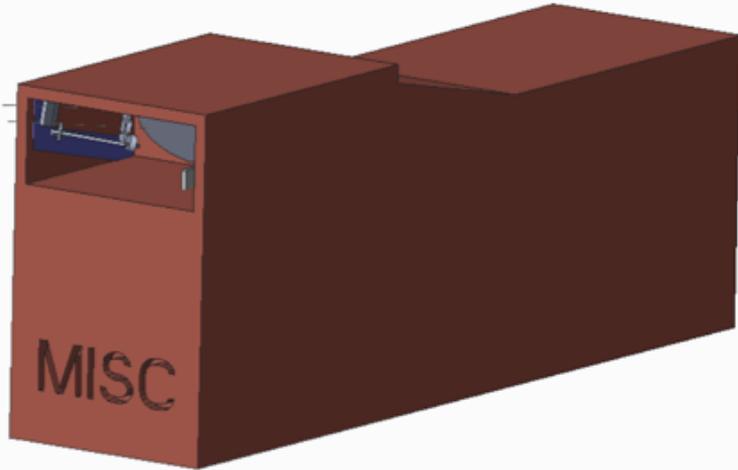
Full team list: asd.gsfc.nasa.gov/firs/



- 9.1 m off-axis primary mirror
- Cold (4 K) telescope
- Wavelengths 5-660 μm
- 5 science instruments
- 100 arcseconds/second mapping
- Launch 2030s
- Sun-Earth L2 orbit
- 5 year lifetime, 10 year goal

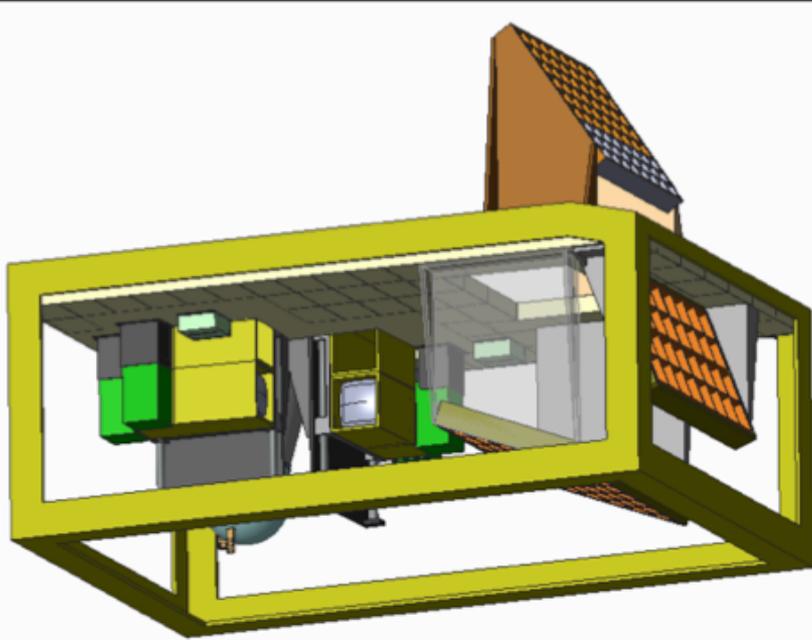


MISC: Mid-Infrared Imager, Spectrometer, Coronagraph



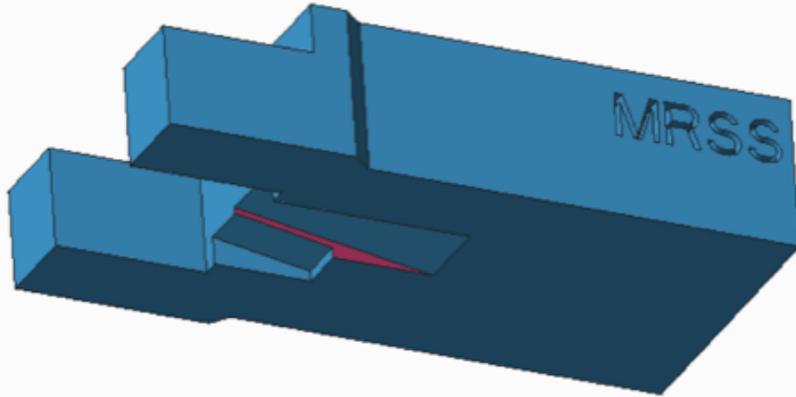
- 5-38 μm
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 15, 300, 1200, 10^4$
- Imaging
- Spectroscopy
- Coronagraphy 10^6 contrast
- Transit spectrometer <10 ppm stability

FIP: Far-Infrared Imager and Polarimeter



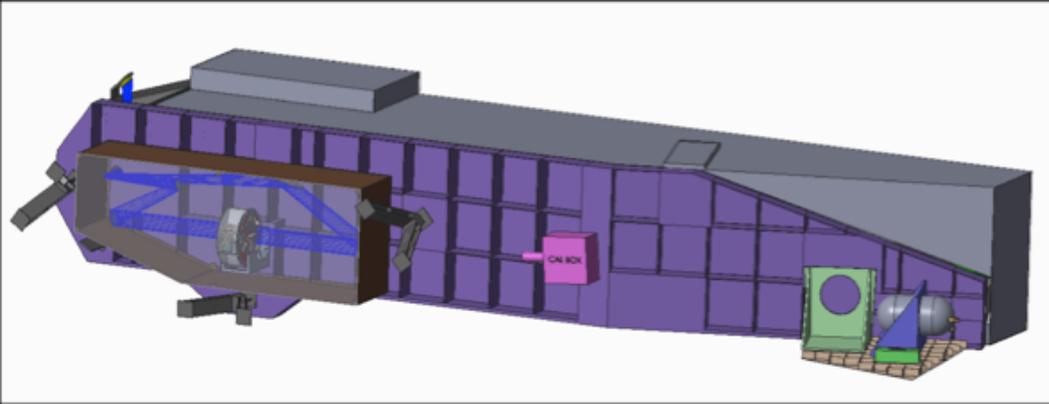
- 40, 80, 120, 240 μm
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 15$
- 4 band Simultaneous Imaging
- Differential Polarimetric Imaging

MRSS: Medium Resolution Survey Spectrometer



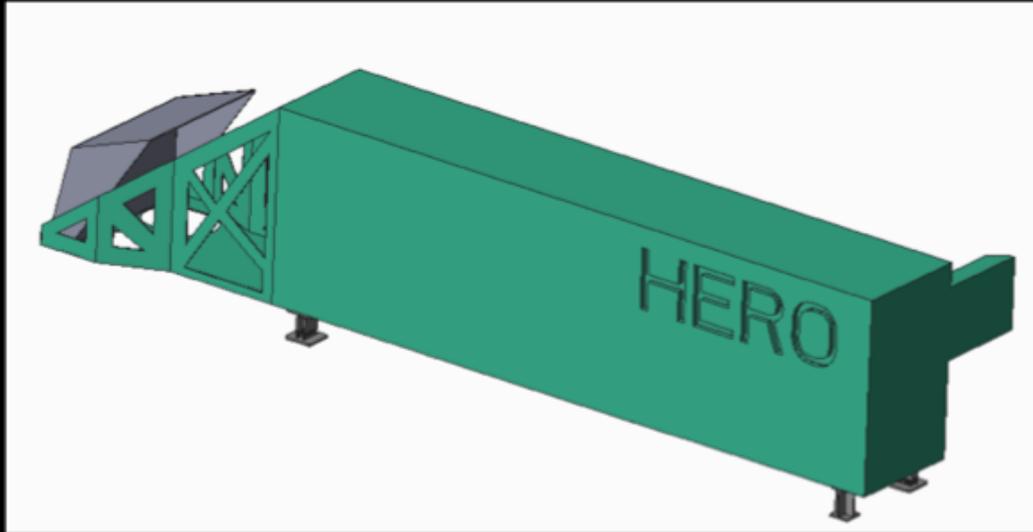
- 30-660 μm
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 500, 4 \times 10^4$
- Multi-band Spectroscopy
- Survey
- Single Target

HRS: High Resolution Spectrometer



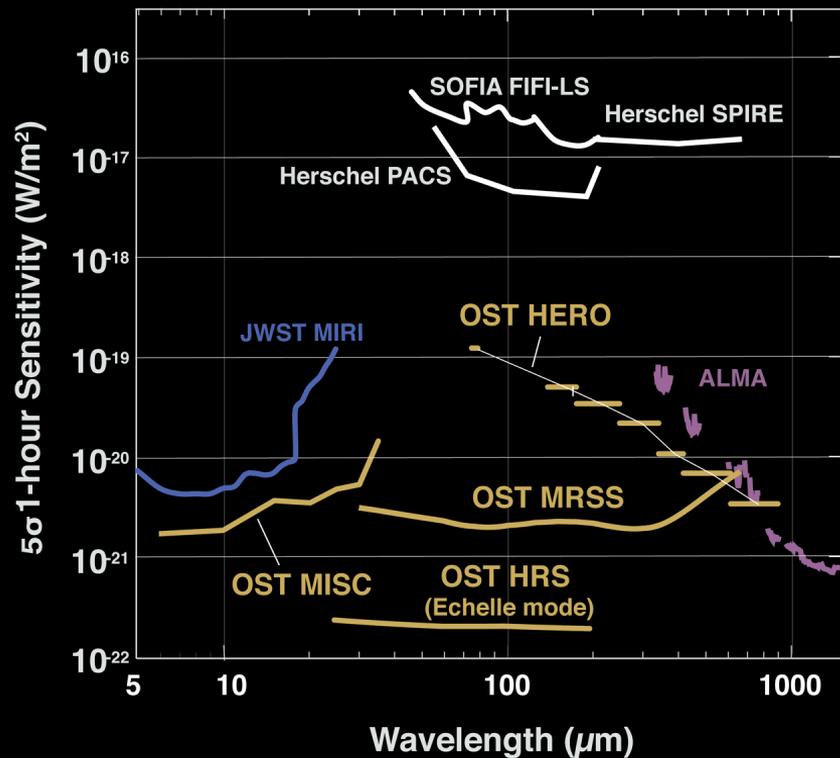
- 25-200 μm
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 5 \times 10^4, 5 \times 10^5$
- Spectroscopy
- Single Target
- Small maps

HERO: Heterodyne Receiver for OST

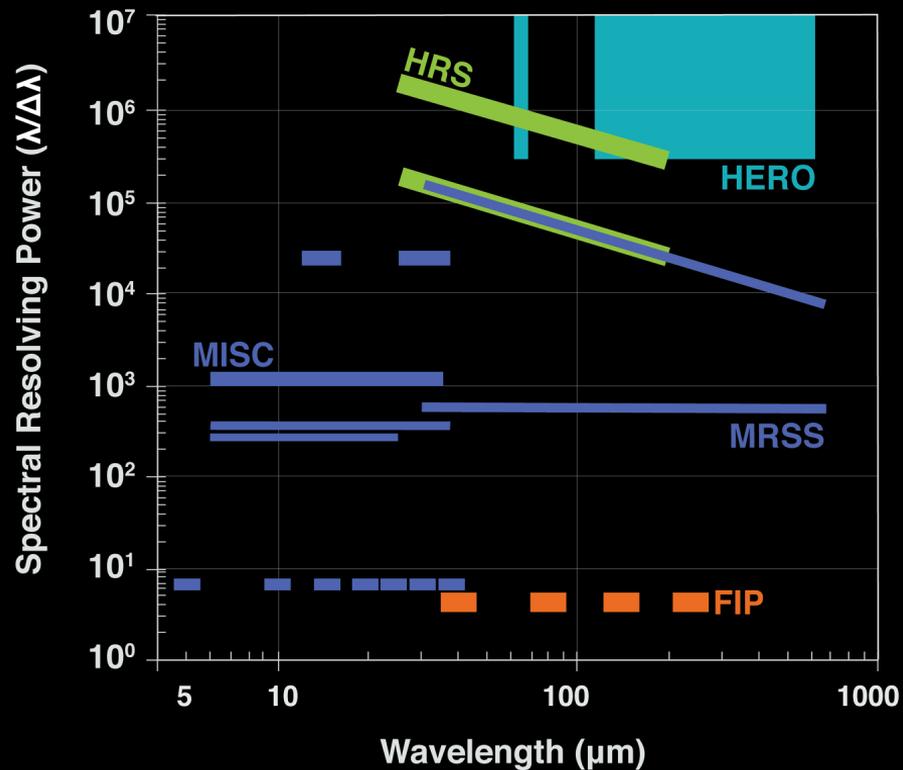


- 63-66, 111-610 μm
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 10^7$
- Multi-beam Spectroscopy
- Small maps

Spectral Line Sensitivity



Spectral Resolution



Seeing into the dark ages with Origins Space Telescope (OST)

Recombination
Big Bang



Hubble Space Telescope



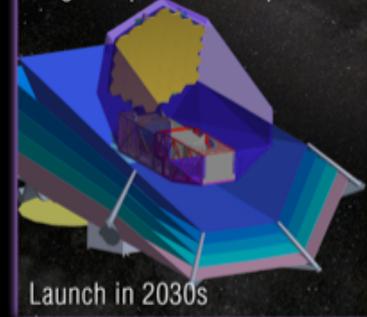
1990-Present

James Webb Space Telescope



Launch in 2019

Origins Space Telescope



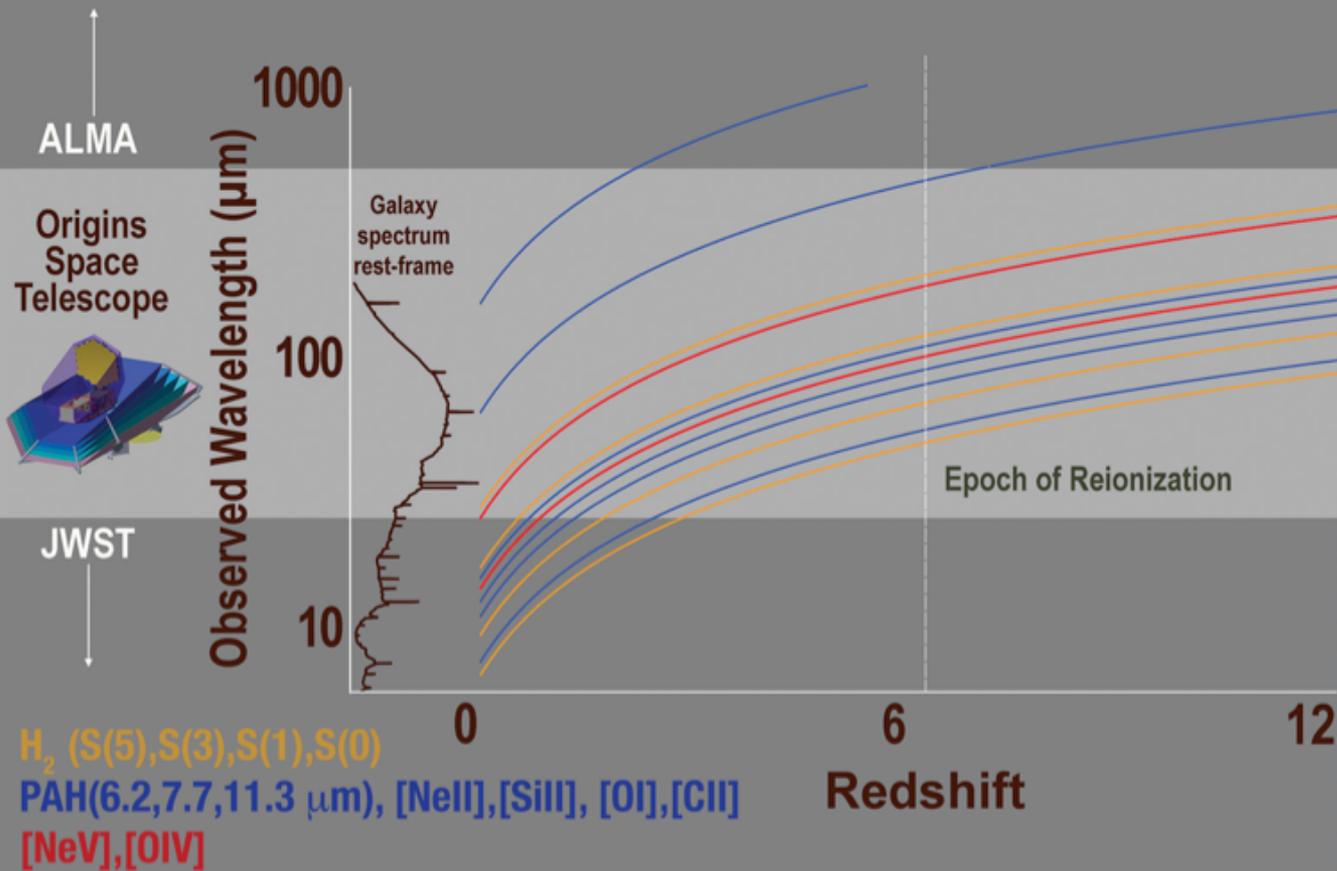
Launch in 2030s

DIAMETER 2.4 meter
WAVELENGTH 0.1–2.4 μm
TEMPERATURE 260 K

6.5 meter
0.6–27 μm
50 K

9 meter
5–660 μm
4 K

Tracing key diagnostics across cosmic time



GOODS-N
HST ACS/WFC WFC3/IR

Tier 1: GOODS field N
deep spectroscopic survey with MRSS
Imaging survey with FIP

Goal to go very deep: LIRGS @ $z=6$,

B

A

C

D

2'

ACS/WFC F435W + F606W
ACS/WFC F814W + F850LP
WFC3/IR F125W + F160W



HST WFC3/IR $z=9.5$
F105W
F125W
F160W

1"

A GN-z10-3

$z=9.2$

B GN-z9-1

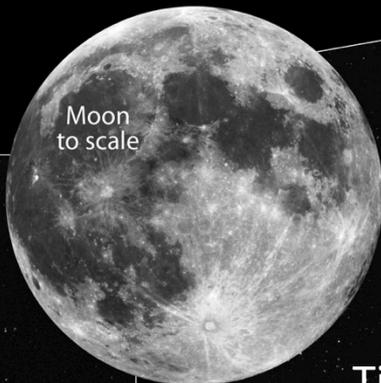
$z=10.2$

C GN-z10-1

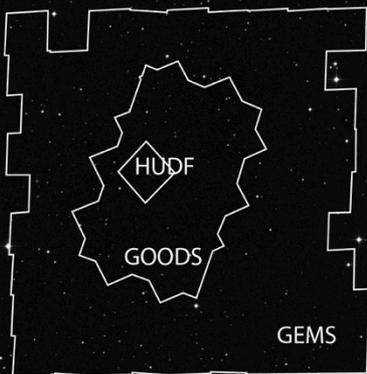
$z=9.9$

D GN-z10-2

Relative Sizes of HST ACS Surveys



Moon to scale



Digitized Sky Survey: ground-based image for comparison

1°

Tier 2: COSMOS
spectroscopic survey with MRSS
Imaging survey with FIP

Goal to go deep over a larger area
LIRGS @ $z=6$,

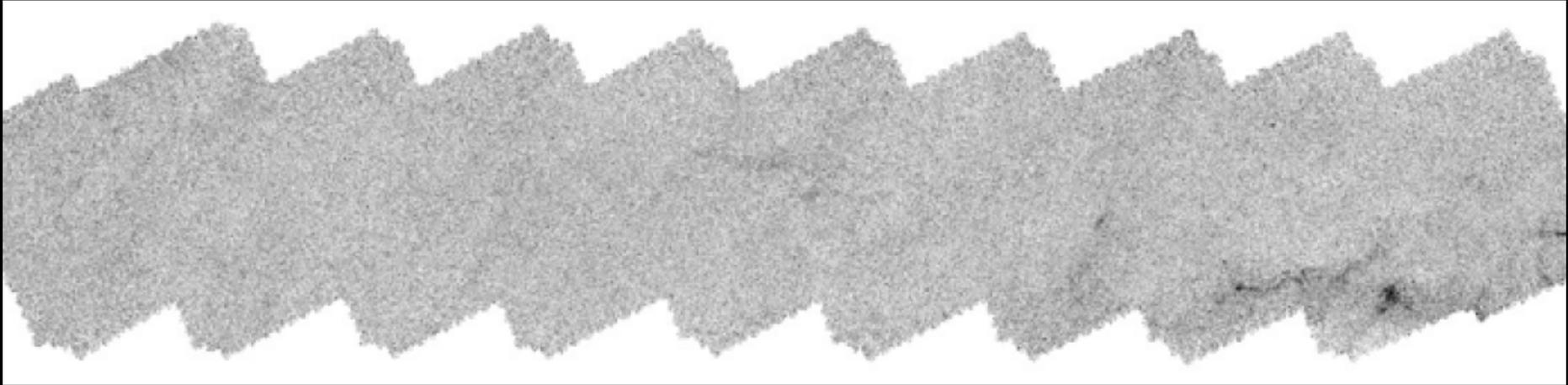
COSMOS

Tier 3: Stripe 82

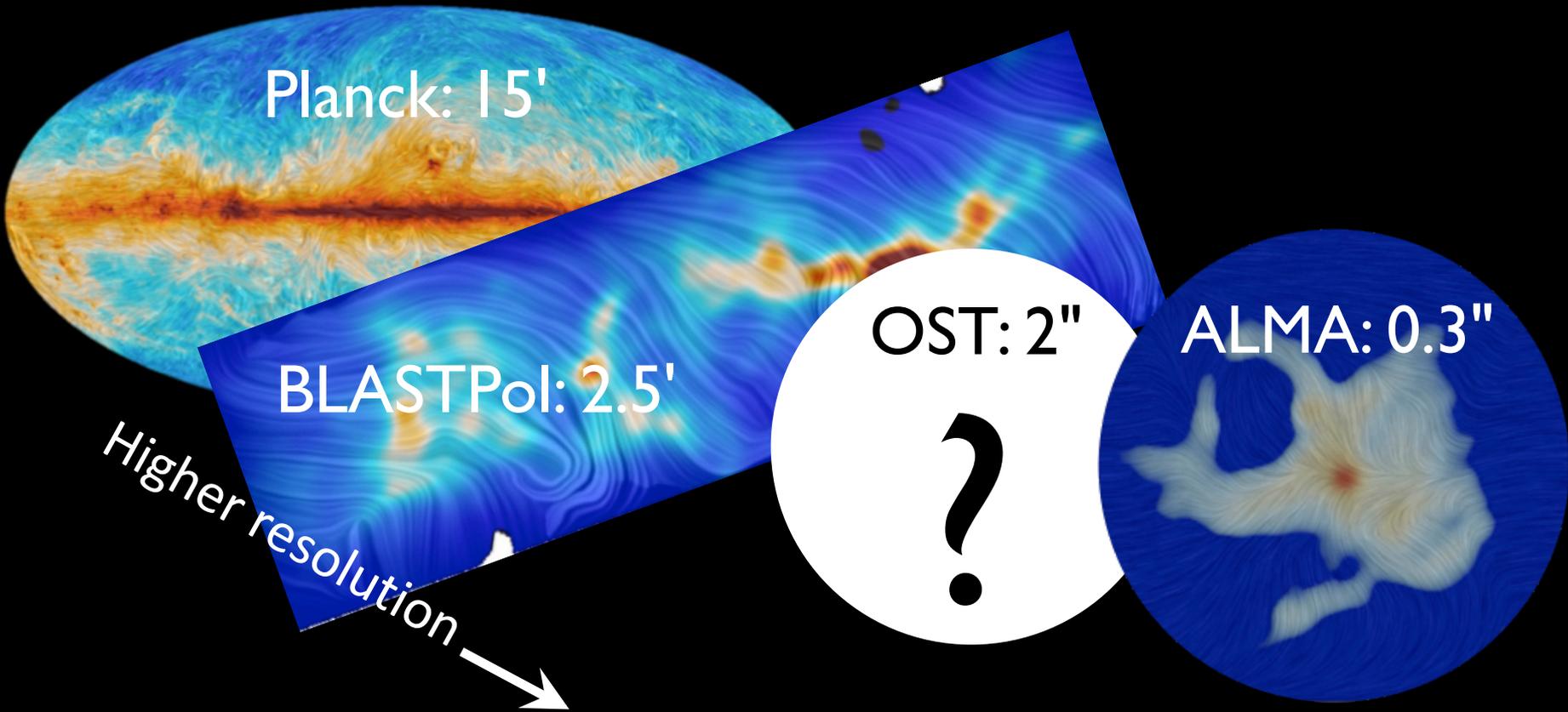
spectroscopic survey with MRSS

Imaging survey with FIP

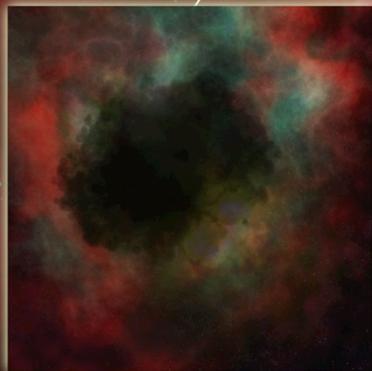
Goal to cover a larger area: ULIRGS @ $z=6$, millions of galaxies



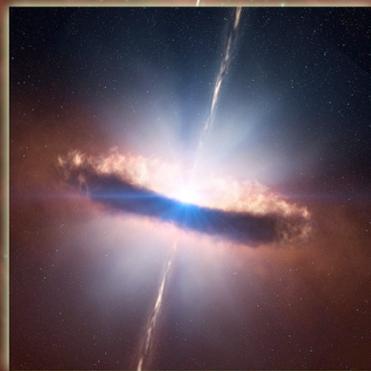
Magnetic fields (FIP) and turbulence (HERO, HRS)



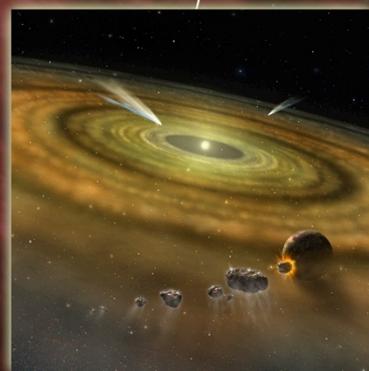
Following the formation of planetary systems from the interstellar medium to life-bearing worlds



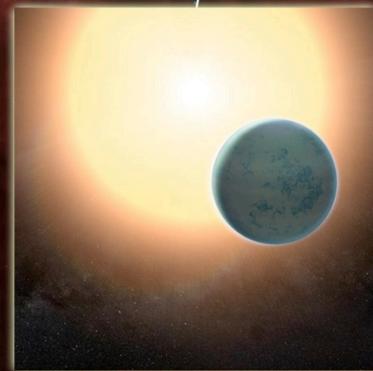
Interstellar medium



Protoplanetary disks



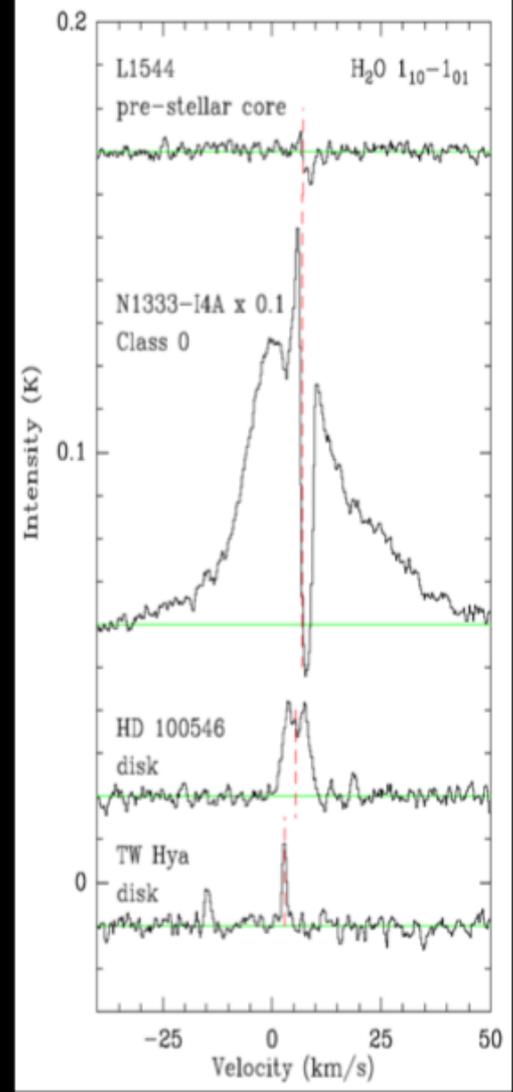
Planetary systems



Exoplanets

Water Transport to Terrestrial Planetary Zone (HRS, MRSS, HERO)

Science Goal: Observe gas-phase water in interstellar clouds and dense star-forming cores to probe critical processes related to formation and transport of water to the terrestrial planet zone, as a key input to habitability.



What are ProtoPlanetary disk gas masses? (HRS, MRSS HERO)

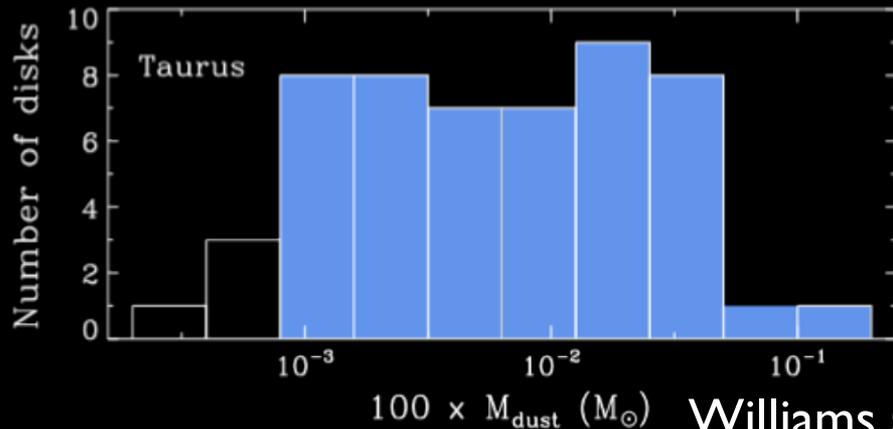
➔ HD is a million times more emissive than H₂ at T ~ 20 K.

➔ Atomic D/H ratio inside the local bubble is well characterized (~1.5 × 10⁻⁵)

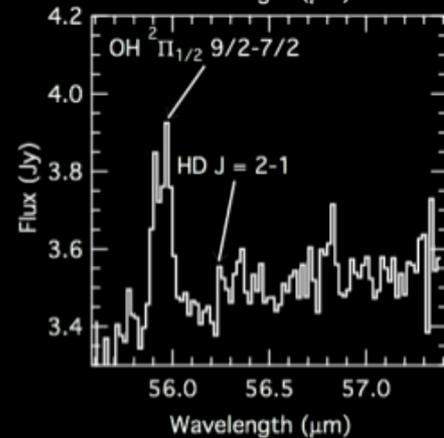
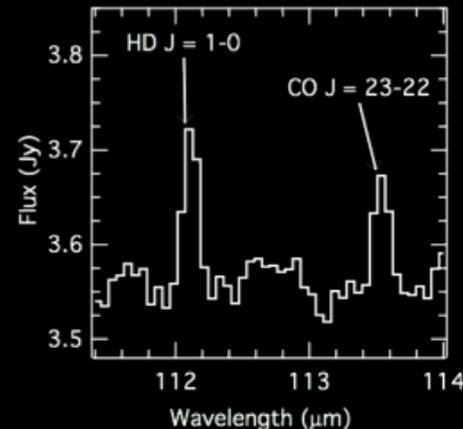
➔ HD will follow H₂ in the gas

➔ TW Hya disk mass

$$M_{\text{disk}} \sim 0.05 M_{\odot}$$



Williams and Cieza 2011



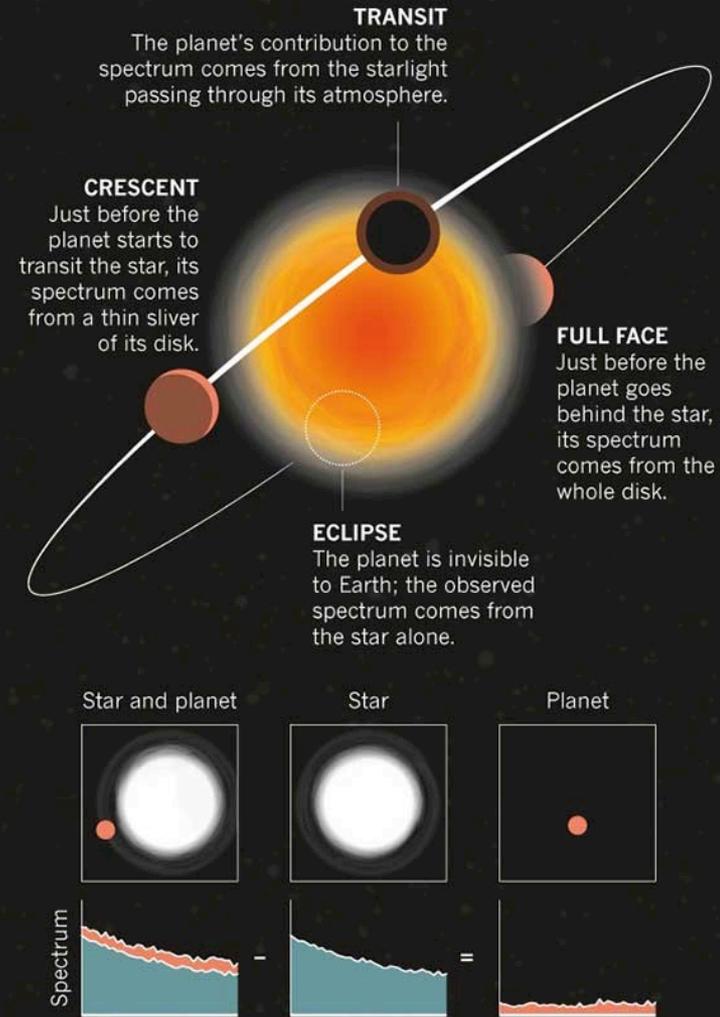
Bergin+ 2013

Exoplanets – Transits (MISC)

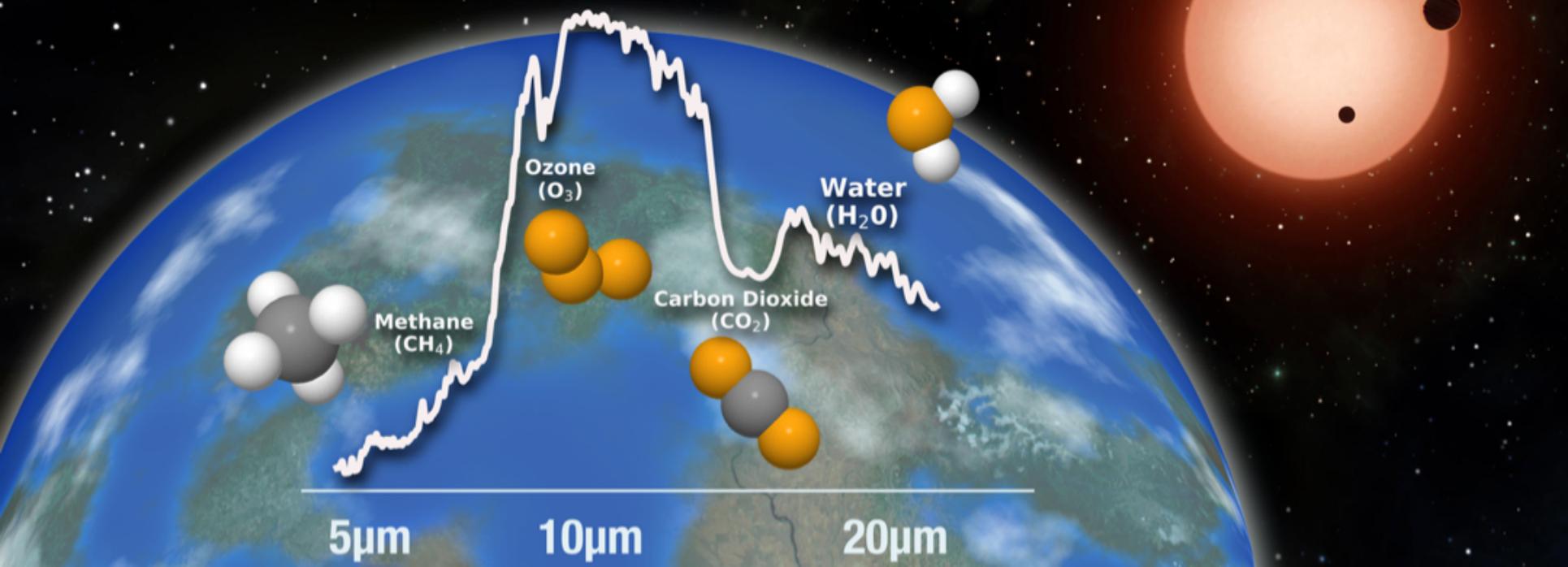
(See Stevenson: special session Wed.)

Transits for exoplanets

- Primary transit (probes terminator)
- Secondary eclipse (probes dayside)
- Lightcurves can indicate further patterns (time consuming)
- Atmosphere Characterization
- Biosignatures



Searching for biosignatures in nearby exoplanets



Exoplanets – Coronagraph (MISC)

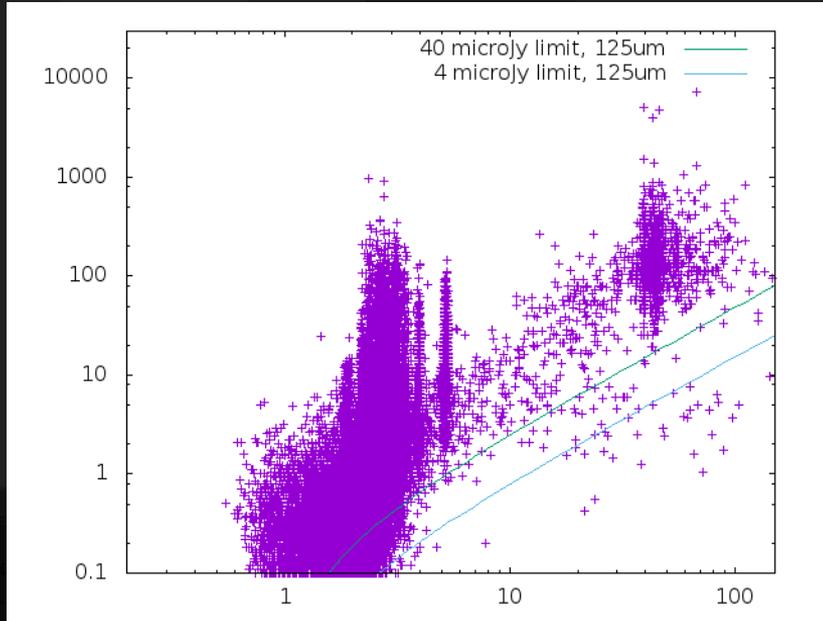
Main targets: Warm Gas Giants & Jupiters

Interesting to help our view of whole Planetary systems

- because of the large IWA, no HZ planets
- Direct imaging does not drive HZ planet case

Ground-based ELTs searches can provide complimentary VIS/NIR data for such planets

FIP mapping of Outer Solar System

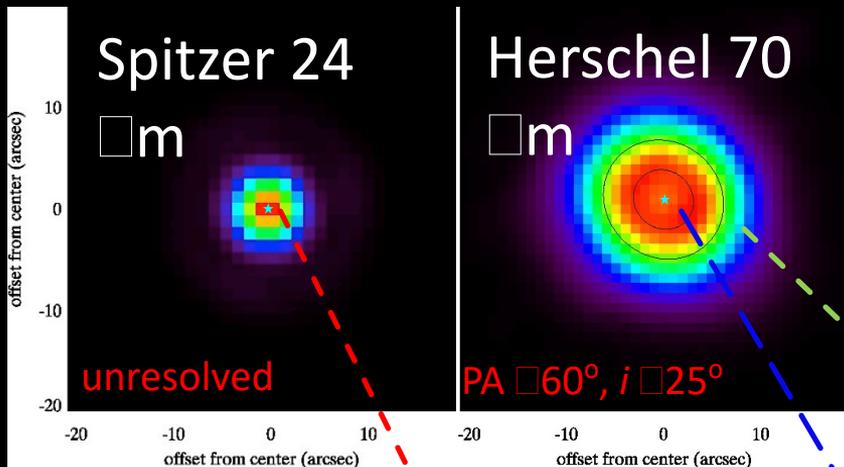


Heliocentric Distance (AU)

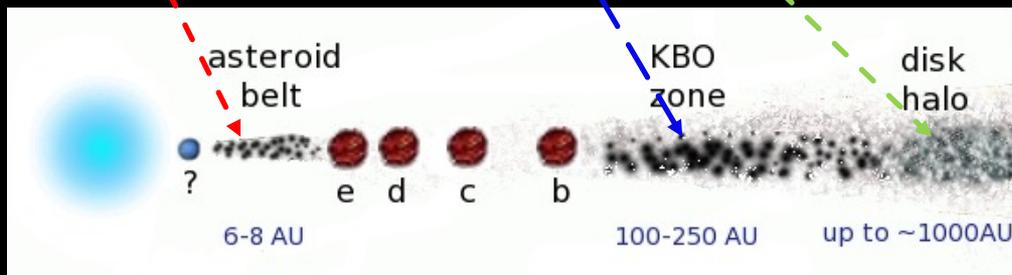
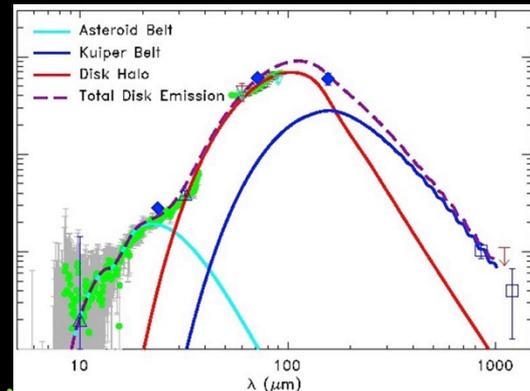
- Measure the thermal emission (FIP) of small bodies in outer Solar System – 1000's of targets
- **Constrain the thermal history and evolution of the Solar System.**
- Characterize Planet IX?

Lovell

Debris Disks and Giant Planets (FIP)

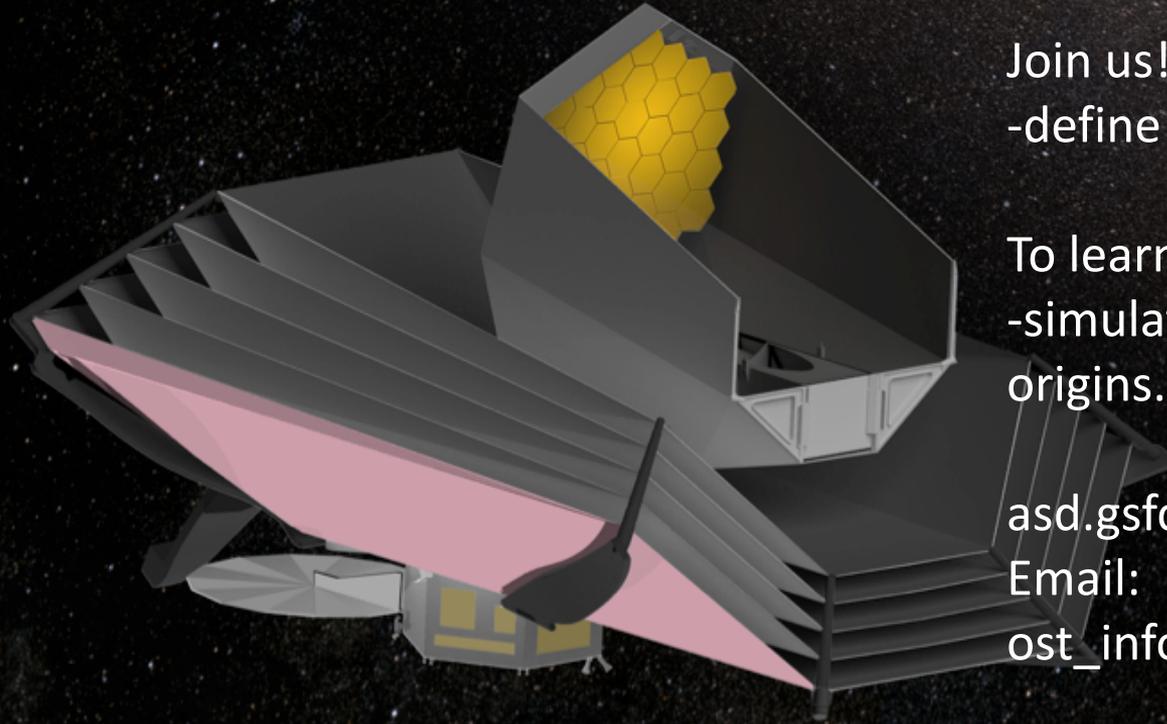


Spectral Energy
Distribution of HR8799



Su et al. 2009
Matthews et al. 2013
Marios et al. 2010





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